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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation**Report of the Second Committee***

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1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled:

“Sustainable development and international economic cooperation:

- “(a) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;
- “(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;
- “(c) Culture and development;
- “(d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 12th, 13th and 36th meetings, on 17 and 18 October and on 15 November 2002. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/57/SR.12, 13 and 36). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 8th meetings, from 30 September to 3 October (see A/C.2/57/SR.2-8). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in addenda to the present report, as follows:

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in six parts, under the symbol A/57/531 and Add.1-5.



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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the International Year of Mountains, 2002 (A/57/188)

Letter dated 10 July 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Abu Dhabi Declaration on Agricultural Development and Desertification Control adopted by the General Assembly of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development at its twenty-seventh session, held in Abu Dhabi from 28 to 30 April 2002 (A/57/202)

Letter dated 10 July 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the statement made by the President of Tajikistan at the international conference entitled "Lessons of the inter-Tajik settlement for Afghanistan", held at Dushanbe from 17 to 19 June 2002 (A/57/203)

Letter dated 20 August 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the 33rd meeting of the Pacific Islands Forum, held at Suva from 15 to 17 August 2002 (A/57/331)

Letter dated 20 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the documents of the twenty-ninth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Khartoum from 25 to 27 June 2002 (A/57/422-S/2002/1064)

Letter dated 6 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Bishkek Mountain Platform adopted by the Global Mountain Summit, held at Bishkek from 28 October to 1 November 2002 (A/C.2/57/7)

Letter dated 11 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly, transmitting the constitutive document of the International Partnership for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions (A/C.2/57/8)

(a) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Report of the Secretary-General on challenges and progress in implementing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/57/216 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at their 26th annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 19 September 2002 (A/57/444)

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Report of the Secretary-General on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/57/288)

(c) Culture and development

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on culture and development (A/57/226)

(d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Report of the Secretary-General on the high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/57/388)

Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the involvement of civil society organizations other than non-governmental organizations and the private sector in technical cooperation activities: experiences and prospects of the United Nations system (A/57/118); and his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/57/118/Add.1)

Letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at their 26th annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 19 September 2002 (A/57/444)

4. At the 12th meeting, on 17 October, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under sub-items (a) and (b); the Director of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization New York Liaison Office, under sub-item (c); and the Director of the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, an Inspector from the Joint Inspection Unit and the representative of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, under sub-item (d) (see A/C.2/57/SR.12).

5. At the 36th meeting, on 15 November, the Director of the New York Liaison Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made an introductory statement under the item as a whole (see A/C.2/57/SR.36).